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## US Environmental Protection Agency Report as of 8:30 AM EDT, 3/30/13

**Overview:** On March 29, 2013 at 1706 EDT, Exxon Mobil Pipeline (RP) reported a release of crude oil from a 20-inch pipeline in Mayflower, AR (Faulkner County). The quantity of crude oil spilled is unknown at this time. RP has not provided EPA an estimate of the quantity of crude oil discharged from the pipeline, but believes it is significant. If spill exceeds 250 barrels, it will be classified as a "major" spill per the National Contingency Plan (NCP).

State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions: Arkansas Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) requested EPA assistance. RP has oil spill response and air monitoring contractors that will be conducting around the clock operations. Exxon will have additional spill response equipment and personnel mobilizing to the site, as needed. Currently, RP contractors are conducting air monitoring in the areas most heavily impacted and measuring high levels of benzene and other VOCs. A series of earthen dams have been constructed within the spill pathway and it is believed that thus far Lake Conway has not been impacted. People within approximately 15 homes continue to be evacuated.

**EPA Actions**: An EPA Region 6 OSC and supporting START contractor arrived on scene. EPA OSC met with local and state officials, as well as the RP. EPA contractors initiated community air monitoring last night. EPA has also opened the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) to fund EPA activities, and is also mobilizing a Command Post to the incident.

Media Interest: Yes

Local news and TV coverage:

http://www.katv.com/story/21831082/oil-spill-in-mayflower-near-lake-conway-subdivision-evacuated#.UVYYuYhh5Mc.email

The EOC will continue to monitor the situation and provide additional updates as appropriate.

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